

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION STRATEGY**

**WHEREAS**, Leon County is subject to natural and man-made hazards, such as floods, hurricanes, sinkholes, wildfires, and release of hazardous materials, and these hazards affect the health and property of the citizens of the County as well as its economic viability; and

**WHEREAS**, businesses lose revenue when damaged or isolated by storms and homeowners are subject to evacuation, lower home values, and higher insurance premiums; and

**WHEREAS**, disasters also impact local government when community infrastructure such as roads, water systems and wastewater treatment plants are subject to damage and costly repair; and

**WHEREAS**, hazard mitigation consists of actions, such as structural enhancements, planning, code enforcement, and responsible development, taken to permanently reduce or eliminate the long-term risks to people and property from the effects of hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, a "Local Mitigation Strategy" can minimize the effects of hazards by the following actions:

1. Identifying hazards to which the county is vulnerable;
2. Determining where the county is vulnerable to these hazards;
3. Assessing facilities and structures that are vulnerable to hazards;
4. Preparing a prioritized list of mitigation projects;
5. Identifying sources of funding; and
6. Making hazard awareness a community goal.

**WHEREAS**, a Local Mitigation Strategy was adopted by the Leon County Board of County Commissioners on September 26, 2000 and first updated on November 27, 2001

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that:

1. The Leon County Board of County Commissioners updates the Local Mitigation Strategy, originally dated 15 December, 1999, via the attached document which shall be incorporated by reference.

2. The Board supports the following local hazard mitigation goals of the strategy:
  - a. Protect human health, safety and welfare;
  - b. Protect economic activities within the county;
  - c. Enhance regional mitigation efforts;
  - d. Promote adequate and safe housing;
  - e. Protect community resources, including but not limited to, infrastructure, and environmental, recreation and historical resources; and
  - f. Promote the community's ability to respond to a disaster in a timely manner.
3. The Local Mitigation Strategy represents a set of goals, and does not require the Board to affirmatively act unless and until the Board identifies and commits the resources necessary to act.
4. The Board of County Commissioners directs its Local Mitigation Strategy Steering Committee to undertake the following actions:
  - a. Conduct a thorough re-evaluation of the Local Mitigation Strategy to ensure that it incorporates the most current information available;
  - b. Address any changes in vulnerability of the County's population and resources to the full range of hazards the community is exposed to;
  - c. Examine opportunities to coordinate the Local Mitigation Strategy with other area-wide emergency planning efforts and with appropriate objectives and policies of the local Comprehensive Plan.
  - d. Evaluate the costs and benefits of any proposed mitigation actions; and
  - e. Return to the Board with any recommendations or proposed changes to the current list of priority initiatives or projects that may reduce the risks associated with natural and other hazards.
4. As resources permit, the Board of County Commissioners will pursue federal, state, and other financial and technical resources and incentives with which to implement the Local Mitigation Strategy in a cost-effective manner.
5. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**DONE, ADOPTED, AND PASSED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, this 12th day of January, 2005.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cliff Thael, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:  
Bob Inzer, Clerk of the Court  
Leon County, Florida

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